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seen, the first cavities 614 can be arranged in a pattern, for example a regular or repeating pattern of first cavities 614. In some embodiments, the pattern can include a closepacked pattern of substantially spherical first cavities 614, for example a hexagonal close-packed pattern of substan- 5 tially spherical first cavities 614. As used herein, a hexagonal close-packed pattern is intended to be understood as a structure that substantially corresponds to a layer of spheres or portions of spheres packed so that spheres or portions of spheres in alternating layers overlie one another, aligned in 10 the gaps of the preceding layers. As described above, the present system can not only overlie one another, but can interfere or overlap the adjacent spheres. A traditional packing factor for hexagonal close packed systems is typically 0.74, though it can be higher in the present system due to the 15 overlapping or interference pattern created. According to one example, the close packed pattern is established by repeating and propagating the base pattern detailed in FIG. 10F throughout the structure, in various patterns or geometric arrangements, to form the aggregate three-dimensional 20

FIG. 13 illustrates a top view of the second surface 606 of the body 602, which in this example, opposes the first surface 604. In some embodiments, one or more second cavities 616 can be extending into the body from the second 25 surface 606. The second cavities 616 can have substantially the same size and shape as one another, although in some embodiments the second cavities 616 can vary in size and shape from one another. The second cavities 616 can have a substantially spherical or hemispherical shape, such that the 30 negative space of a cavity 616 can have a shape of a portion or region of a sphere. In some other embodiments, however, the second cavities 616 can have any shape. As can be seen, the second cavities 616 can be arranged in a pattern, for example a regular or repeating pattern of second cavities 35 616. In some embodiments, the pattern can include a closepacked pattern of substantially spherical or hemispherical second cavities 616, for example a hexagonal close-packed pattern of substantially spherical second cavities 616.

In some embodiments, the pattern of second cavities **616** 40 extending into the body from the second surface **606** can be substantially similar to the pattern of first cavities **614** extending into the body from the first surface **604**. In some other embodiments, however, the patterns of first and second first cavities **614**, **616** can be different. In some embodiments, and as illustrated in the section view of the three-dimensional structure **600** shown in FIG. **10**, the pattern of first cavities **614** and the pattern of second cavities **616** can be substantially similar but can be laterally offset or displaced from one another.

As further illustrated in FIG. 14, at least one first cavity 614 extending into the body from the first surface 604 can intersect or interfere with at least one second cavity 616 extending into the body from the second surface 606. In some embodiments, one or more first cavities 614 can 55 intersect with one or more second cavities 616. Further, one or more first cavities 614 can intersect with different numbers of second cavities 616. For example, in some embodiments, an amount of the first cavities 614 can each intersect with three second cavities 616 while an amount of different 60 first cavities 614, for example those first cavities 614 positioned near a periphery of the body 602, can each intersect with two second cavities 616.

Similarly, in some embodiments, one or more second cavities **616** can intersect with one or more first cavities **614**. 65 Further, one or more second cavities **616** can intersect with different numbers of first cavities **614**. For example, in some

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embodiments, an amount of the second cavities 616 can each intersect with three first cavities 614 while an amount of different second cavities 616, for example those second cavities 616 positioned near a periphery of the body 602, can each intersect with two first cavities 614.

Together, the intersecting first cavities 614 and second cavities 616 form or define the three-dimensional pattern of apertures 608 extending through the body 602. In some embodiments, at least some of the apertures 608 of the three-dimensional pattern can be in fluid communication with one another to form or define a matrix of continuous passageways in the body 602. In some embodiments, this matrix of passageways can extend substantially throughout the entire body 602 such that any one cavity can be in fluid communication with any other cavity via the passageways. Additionally, the three-dimensional pattern of apertures 608 maintains a structural lattice of the material forming the body 602. This resultant lattice structure provides thermal benefits in that there is an increased surface area for the transmission and release of thermal energy via convection as compared to traditional patterns, while providing passageways for convective transfer of thermal energy. Additionally, the interconnected lattice structure provides structural support for the body 602. Further details of how the threedimensional pattern of apertures 608 can be incorporated into an electronic device will be provided below with reference to FIG. 15.

FIG. 15 shows a sectional view of an electronic device 700, such as a display, including a housing 701 that is formed from a three-dimensional structure 702 as described herein. The three-dimensional structure 702 can be substantially similar to the portion of three-dimensional structure 600 described with respect to FIGS. 11-14. That is, in some embodiments, the three-dimensional structure can include a body 703 including a first surface 704 and a second surface 706 opposing the first surface 704. In some embodiments, the first and second surfaces 704, 706 can be generally rectangular, although the surface can be any other shape. The body can include a pattern of first cavities 714 extending into the body from the first surface 704 and a pattern of second cavities 716 extending into the body from the second surface 706. One or more of the first cavities 714 can intersect with one or more of the second cavities 716 to form or define a three-dimensional pattern of apertures 708, such as a three-dimensional matrix of continuous passageways

In some embodiments, the body 703 can include additional structure or features. For example, as shown in FIG. 15, the body 703 can include a flange 720 that extends away from a surface of the body 703, such as the first surface 704. Together, the flange 720 and the first surface 704 can define an internal volume of the electronic device 700. The flange 720 can include one or more mounting surfaces for components of the electronic device. In some embodiments, the flange 720 can include a mounting surface 722 that can receive a display 730. The electronic device can further include a cover 731 that can define a front exterior surface of the electronic device 700 and that, together with the housing 701, can substantially define the exterior surface of the device 700. In some embodiments, other components, such as LEDs and their associated controllers 740 can be disposed within the internal volume of the device 700.

In some embodiments, the electronic device 700 can also include one or more thermal spreaders 750 disposed near, substantially adjacent to, or in contact with the body 703. The thermal spreaders 750 can also be disposed substantially near, adjacent to, or in contact with one or more components of the device 700, such as the LEDs and controllers 740. For